

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
MARCH 2, 2022 AT 8:30 A.M. IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

The St. Joseph County Election Commission met at 8:30 a.m. on March 2, 2022. The Election Commission reviewed ballot quantities and proposals for the May 3, 2022 Special Election.

Ballot quantities were approved at 1,400 for Constantine; 900 for Sturgis Precinct 1; 700 for Sturgis Precinct 2; and 400 for Mendon Township. The following proposals were placed on the May 3, 2022 Special Election ballot:

Constantine Public Schools

General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bond Proposal

Shall Constantine Public Schools, St. Joseph and Cass Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Eight Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$38,800,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to Eastside Elementary School; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; erecting, furnishing, and equipping a concession/restroom building and a bus garage; purchasing school buses; and remodeling, preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic facilities, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2022, under current law, is 2.23 mills (\$2.23 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a 0.2 mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.17 mills (\$3.17 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of that borrowing is \$2,950,209 and the estimated total interest to be paid thereon is \$658,635. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is nine (9) years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7 mills. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$13,805,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$-0-.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

City of Sturgis

Street and Sidewalk Improvement Renewal Millage

Should the City of Sturgis levy a renewal three (3) mill property tax for a period of ten (10) years commencing in calendar year 2023 to be used exclusively for street and sidewalk reconstruction, repair, and improvement projects within the City as approved by the Sturgis City Commission? It is estimated that this renewal proposal would produce revenue of \$746,316.68 during the first calendar year.

Vicksburg Community Schools

Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the “Headlee” amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Vicksburg Community Schools, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 18.0902 mills (\$18.0902 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2023 to 2027, inclusive, and also be increased by .5 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2022 to 2027, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2022 is approximately \$2,085,000 (this millage is to renew millage that will expire with the 2022 levy and to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the “Headlee” amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?

**Resolution to Consolidate**

Clerk Oswald noted that the City of Sturgis had been consolidated by its election commission into 2 precincts.

Whereas, the County of St. Joseph Election Commission has determined that a Special Election is to be held on May 3, 2022 for Constantine Township precincts 1 & 2, Fabius Township, Mottville Township, Florence Township, Park Township, Leonidas Township, and Mendon Township;

Whereas, precinct consolidation was appropriate because of the anticipated voter turnout and polling locations could easily be consolidated with minimal inconvenience; and

Whereas, MCL 168.659 allowed for the consolidation.

Be it resolved, that the County of St. Joseph Election Commission consolidated Constantine Township precincts 1 & 2, Mottville Township, and Florence Township to Constantine Township hall; and

Be it resolved, that the County of St. Joseph Election Commission consolidated Park Township, Leonidas Township, and Mendon Township to Mendon Township hall.

**Precinct Workers**

The following were appointed to work in the Mendon and Constantine polling locations:

Mendon: Denise King (R), Kim Foghino (D), Becky Koetje (D), Barb Moran (R), Donna Cupp (R)

Constantine: Terry Owens (R), Libby Owens (D), Marion Mallo (R), Jane Eley (R), Sheree Sorensen (D)

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David C. Tomlinson, Probate Judge

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Kathy Humphreys, County Treasurer

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Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk